

# Most Students Confused, They Sign Delegate Petitions

by Ron Ostroff  
Associate Editor

Petitioning by students registered with the Student Activities Office (SAO) who wish to be delegates to the constitutional convention for student government has been underway since Monday at 9 a.m.

The 64 students listed in Monday's *Hatchet* have until Thursday, January 30 at noon to collect signatures and GW ID numbers of at least 50 and up to 75 currently registered GW students to be certified by SAO.

If all of the 64 registered petitioners are able to collect the signatures, they will be involving

## Feds Bust GW Students

Two GW sophomores were taken into custody late Tuesday afternoon by Federal narcotics agents who found small amounts of cocaine and large quantities of hashish in their possession, according to several sources close to the investigation.

The incident took place on the third floor of Mitchell Hall, but sources said the students were not residents of the dormitory.

*Hatchet* sources also reveal the investigation went much further than the involvement of the two students, stating it involved persons higher up in illegal narcotics activities.

The students were taken to the central cell block beneath the United States District Court House at Constitution Ave. and John Marshall Place, N.W. where they were detained, the sources said.

These same sources could not specify what further legal action would be taken against the students or whether formal charges would be brought against them at this time. Assistant Director of Campus Security Byron M. Matthai refused to comment on the matter, stating "There have been two arrests, the incident is under investigation and nothing further can be said at this time."

anywhere from 3200 to 4800 students in the preliminary process leading to the constitutional convention. This would be the largest number of persons within the last decade to be involved with student governance at GW. Only 1,873 students voted in last semester's mail referendum on student government.

SAO officials said Wednesday afternoon that 15 petitioners had already submitted completed petitions.

Because of all the activity surrounding the petitioning for the convention, the *Hatchet* interviewed 100 GW students Tuesday and Wednesday for an awareness poll concerning the petitioning for the constitutional convention.

The first question asked whether there was any kind of petitioning

now being conducted at GW. If the respondents said "no" or "I don't know," they were asked whether they voted in the Student Government referendum, whether they lived in University housing and their year in school.

Of the 100 students surveyed, 66 per cent said that there was some kind of petitioning going on at GW, 21 per cent said that there was not, and 13 per cent said that they did not know.

Of the 66 persons who said that there was some kind of petitioning going on at GW, 39.6 per cent said that the petitioning was for the upcoming constitutional convention, 1.5 per cent said that it related to the noise at Mitchell Hall, 45 per cent said that it had something to do with student government, and 13.6

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Mary Conkey, waiting between classes, asks Bob Shapiro to sign her petition to be a delegate to the Constitutional Convention. (photo by Martha Howison)

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## Board Elections Moved Back to Feb. 12, 13

by Mark Brodsky  
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Due in part to the recent resignation of Program Board chairperson Sue Bailey, elections for both Governing and Program Board positions will be held February 12 and 13. The elections are normally held the week before spring break.

New Program Board Chairperson Gary Hirschl said the early date will give new members an opportunity for transition. "New people never got training before. This way they will be able to work with us and help out until they actually take office in April." Once elected, according to Hirschl, the new officers will take over some of the duties of the outgoing Board.

Bailey resigned as Program Board Chairperson about two weeks ago for health reasons. Governing Board Chairperson Kevin Earle said he felt he was being forced into an early

election date and said the election was "an attempt by Program Board members to find others (P.B. election winners) to help them." Earle said, however, that he would go along with the stepped-up date in order to save the expense of separate elections and to ensure a sufficiently large turnout. Earle said two separate elections might result in a lower turnout than in past years.

"It gives us a shorter time to prepare for an election," Earle said, "but we're in a box."

Earle said newly elected Governing Board members, as in the case of the Program Board, would work with the old board in order to gain experience.

Hirschl said he discussed the possibility of having an early election with Bailey, even before she resigned, as a way to ensure that the new officers would have some experience with Board affairs before actually taking office. "We hope

we're establishing a precedent by setting an early election date," Hirschl said. "I hope Kevin Earle doesn't feel he's being forced into an early election. There's advantages to both of us in having it earlier," he said.

Hirschl said he hopes to have an election committee set up before the end of the week. Elections are supervised by a joint committee of Governing and Program Board members.

According to Hirschl, the Student Activities Office (SAO) will begin hiring people as poll watchers about the beginning of next week. It had been suggested that voting booths be used in the elections, but Hirschl said there would not be, because of the expense.

Applications for the elective positions on both boards can be picked up at the SAO until January 31. Hirschl said the new Program Board should be completely selected, including appointed members, by March 2.

## Students Endure Y's Dilapidated Conditions

by Jeffrey A. Scott  
Hatchet Staff Writer

Of the 100 students who arrived last August to find themselves housed in the YMCA because of overcrowding, 75 now remain. In the beginning, GW housing authorities were plagued with complaints of cockroaches inside rooms, rats outside windows, filth, and fears of transients wandering about, unchecked by security guards.

Despite University promises of quick relief, some of the students moved out, but most remained. Those who did remain at the "Y" have adopted an "adapt and endure" attitude towards the conditions. In fact, a surprisingly large number of the residents even like it.

A GW security guard now mans the entrance to the two GW floors 24 hours a day. His duty is to prevent unfamiliar faces from entering the area. Even the Blimpie's delivery man must await

clearance before he can enter. But once past the security guard, residents are eager to expound upon the unique virtues and disadvantages of being a student resident of the YMCA.

The most often mentioned feature about life at the "Y", according to many of the residents interviewed, is the friendliness of its residents. According to Resident Assistant Glen Smith, the extraordinary camaraderie that seems to exist among "Y" residents can be directly attributable to the frustrations and tribulations encountered at the beginning of last semester.

Smith said, "The sense of community that exists here grew out of a common adversity." The inconveniences and outrages of last August were endured and shared by all, accounting for the closeness of so many people that live here, he said.

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While some GW students at the YMCA still complain about the dirt and transients that float through the residence halls most have adapted to the conditions. (photo by Cindy Feingold)



# Center Governing Board Lacking Power, Beset By Financial Woes

by Mark Shiffrin  
Hatchet Staff Writer

What was one of the biggest Governing Board accomplishments this year? Probably the change in beers at the Rathskeller, according to several Board members.

The beer change was brought about through a suggestion by the Governing Board but, in fact, the Board can do little more than suggest changes at the Center, a complaint of Board officials.

Article II of the Governing Board Constitution outlines 15 areas under "powers and duties"—only two of these areas give the Board the power to make decisions.

Sections 9 and 10 of Article II charge the Board to allocate the organizational office space in the Center and to assign space on the Center bulletin boards.

Aside from these duties, the Constitution gives the Governing Board advisory powers only in the Center administration. Even the change in beers at the Rathskeller was the product of a suggestion made by the Governing Board and a decision made by the management.

The Board also allocates the Center budget and, through student and rental fees, finances the Center operation.

According to Board Chairperson Kevin Earle and Board Secretary John O'Mara, the Board is left uninformed by the administration on the University's financial situation and is therefore unable to fully

explore other possible sources of income to offset increased expenses, including greatly increased utility fees.

Possible sources of funding, said Earle, include University takeover of some expenses now covered by the Board or a "general grant" by the University to help cover expenses.

Earle noted that approximately 60 per cent of the Center budget is covered by student fees, with the other 40 per cent coming from other sources of income. He said that the rise in Center expenses puts the Board in a "very difficult situation" and he hoped that the University could help avoid a probable 1976-77 increase in the student fee.

He stated that the 1975-76 fee will increase from \$43 to \$46.50 per semester and predicted that the fee could go as high as \$52.50 per semester in 1976-77.

Center Director Boris Bell said that "I don't think the Board has pressed for an overall greater understanding" of the University's financial picture. He added that he did not think the University could afford to help the Center out financially at this point and thought that any "direct support from the University"—which would help avoid a student fee increase—"would cost students in possible higher tuition."

O'Mara stated that "in terms of the short term effects" of Center operations, "we (the Governing Board) don't do anything drastic."

The actions of the Board are largely confined to recommendations made regarding Center operations and the providing of "student input" for the Center administration.

Bell calls the yet to be released report of the Board's Task Force on Building Use Policy "the most significant work of the Board this year." Bell says that the Task Force is working on a survey of Center users "to determine how well the Center is meeting the needs of the community."

Studies such as that being made by the Task Force are a major part of the Board's function. The change in beers at the Rathskeller was the result of a Board survey of Rathskeller users and the current Task Force survey is designed to show the Board how Center service can be improved, so that more suggestions can be made.



Kevin Earle (left) and John Vinson (right) discuss elections for the positions on the Governing and Program Board which will be held early this year. (photo by Martha Howison)

## Students Confused, Yet They Sign

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per cent didn't know. A portion of the 45 per cent that was aware that the petitioning had something to do with a student government said that GW now has a student government. The last GW student government was dissolved in 1970.

The persons who knew that petitioning was taking place were asked if they knew anyone who was collecting signatures. Sixty per cent

said they knew someone who was petitioning, while 40 per cent said they did not.

Of that same group, 65 per cent said that they had signed petitions while 35 said that they had not.

Only one of the students who had signed petitions admitted to having signed more than one petition. The student, who asked not to be identified, said that "I was forced to sign the first one...but I signed the second one because I thought that the person would be good for the convention." After being told that a signature appearing on more than one petition is invalid on all petitions, she said, "I signed a second petition so the person who twisted my arm would not be able to use my signature."

Those interviewed voiced various reasons for signing the petitions. Some students thought that the petitioner would make a good delegate, others agreed with the petitioner's views, and some just said "because I like her."

One student said that he "couldn't recall what the petitioning was about, but I know there is petitioning because I just signed a

petition." He said that he had signed it "because it sounded good at the time."

The persons surveyed consisted of 52 residents of University housing and 48 students who live in non-University housing. Many off-campus students were unaware of the petitioning.

The 100 students interviewed consisted of 15 freshmen, 19 sophomores, 27 juniors, 23 seniors, 13 graduate (masters, law and doctoral) students and three part-time or non-degree students. Sixty-four men and 35 women were interviewed.

Of the 100 students polled, 35 per cent said that they had voted in last semester's student government mail referendum, while 47 per cent said they did not, and 5 per cent said that they didn't remember. Thirteen per cent claimed that they had not even received the mail referendum.

SAO coordinator John Perkins said that some students, registered last semester, would not have received a mail referendum ballot if their address that appears on the University computer file had the incorrect zip code or the computer file had no record of the zip code.

On Monday, February 3, the SAO will announce the names of those students who have been designated as delegates to the constitutional convention.

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## New Meal Plan Offers An Alternative

Macke Corporation has been offering a program whereby any member of the GW community may purchase a book of meal tickets, which includes five lunches and three dinners at the Center's second floor cafeteria.

Don Hawthorne, director of the Macke Food services Division at GW said the plan was "primarily devised for convenience of the students, particularly commuters." He pointed out that it was especially convenient for those who dislike

carrying cash or wallets. He also added that although it has been in effect for nearly two years, "it is not widely used because it isn't well known." Only twenty books have been sold since September.

The book of eight complete meals sells for \$15.00, including tax, and still represents greater savings in the long run because, instead of paying for each meal separately, the program entitles the user to "unlimited seconds," according to Hawthorne.

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# Social Scientists Apply New Statistical Approach

by Brad Manson  
Associate Editor

The trend in the last few years in academic studies within the social sciences has leaned towards a statistical approach, according to professors at GW and across the nation.

Undergraduates majoring in social sciences are now required to take at least one course in statistics, and an increasing percentage of academic literature relies on statistical methods and equations to verify or disprove assumptions that had formerly been unquestioned.

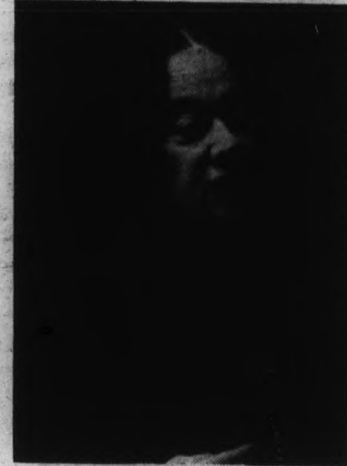
Many students have complained that these statistical methods are too limiting and restrictive, and many grade point averages have suffered as a result of statistics courses.

Political Science Prof. Robert E. Darcy, a contemporary political scientist who employs the methods of statistics in most of his work, said he understood the problems students have learning statistics and attempting to apply them to political behavior. He added though that the issues political scientists must deal with today require that new methods be used to better interpret and predict the implications of those issues.

"We're trying at an early stage to make the student see what we're headed for, and provide some uses for what he has learned" in statistics, Darcy said. "The concepts of statistics and things demonstrated from statistics derive more from

agricultural and medical activities, and it's a bit difficult to see how they can be used for solving social and political questions," he added.

Psychology Prof. Ralph K. White, the author of *Nobody Wanted War*, a psychological analysis of the Vietnam war, said that there was a definite trend in the social sciences towards statistical analysis adding



Thelma Z. Levine

that "sometimes it goes too far, but on the whole I'm all in favor of it."

White said the social sciences should rely on a verbal, descriptive statement of a beginning theory, stating that the investigators' personal values are going to be implicit in the topics explored.

Thelma Z. Lavine, who teaches a course on the philosophy of social science, stated that there was a need

and a place for statistical analysis in the social sciences, but asserted that the social scientists' emulation of natural science methodology is based on a misconception.

Stating that the "quantitative techniques do not account for the greatness" of the physical sciences, Lavine said, "The identification of science in a purely empirical way...cuts it off from its roots of inquiry, of its theory, of its whole specific role" in the development of human thought.

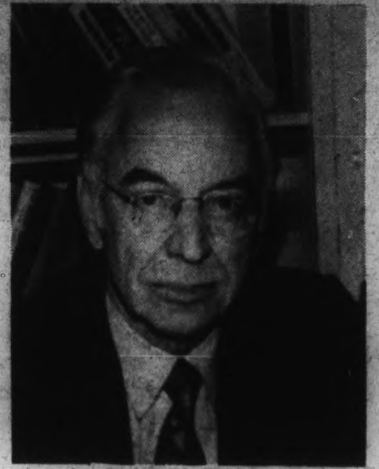
"To use a quantitative method is to define and limit the scope and depth of the problem," Lavine said.

Darcy said the issues and factors involved in viewing American voting behavior today are too complex to analyze with only verbal methods which state descriptive elements of a problem. He said there was a "verbal inability to communicate" the complex correlations of variables that need to be understood when discussing current political situations.

"It is essential to be candid about one's own values, to admit that one has them, and to be just as realistic and objective in describing facts as we can," White said. Beyond the social scientist's understanding of his own leanings in a study, White said the statistical methods are important and should be employed whenever possible for social scientists to understand objectively the forces at work within behavior.

"(Social sciences) should strive to resemble a natural science's objectivity, and their respect for evidence," White said. "But I think many psychological and social sciences have tried to emulate the natural sciences too much," in their attempts to gain a high degree of precision. "I think we should resign ourselves to a fairly high degree of imprecision, and that means not quantifying when the data is not ready for qualification."

Lavine said the natural sciences began by considering what basic human problems had to be dealt with, and applying the natural laws to solving those problems. The statistical organization used in these natural sciences was an attempt to quantify the natural laws, but did not diminish the issues in which sciences were originally directed.



Ralph K. White

## GW Law Students Ask FCC Ruling

Three GW law students and three organizations for the deaf outlined their plans to file a petition with the Federal Communications Commission Monday urging them to require that all televised emergency bulletins be broadcast visually as well as audially.

The petition was filed with the FCC by law students Tom Herrmann, Larry Goldberg, and Irene Bowen and their counsel, Glenn A. Goldberg. The three students are chairpersons of DEAF-WATCH (Demanding Equal Access to Facts and Warnings Aired on Television for Citizens who are Hearing-Impaired) a legal action organization concerned with the problems of the deaf community.

The Monday news conference had deaf persons addressing, the press and public using sign language, with a simultaneous spoken translation. They told of difficulties and the dangers of having an emergency situation arise in which a television station uses only verbal means to distribute information about the disaster. One speaker urged the FCC to adopt a regulation that would require television stations to broadcast visual bulletins for deaf people in the event of an emergency.

Joining DEAFWATCH as co-petitioners were representatives from the National Association of the Deaf (NAD) and DEAF-PRIDE.

Although visual communication in emergency situations is now practiced at some television stations, the students and organizations filing the petition want more than a voluntary commitment from the broadcasters.

## GW Editor Dead at 48

John Samuel Toomey, GW Academic Editor, died of cancer Tuesday at his home in Georgetown. He was 48.

A GW alumnus, he received a B.A. in 1949 with special honors in English. He also received his M.A. from GW in 1966.

Long associated with GW, Toomey was a students assistant in the English Department as well as a part time instructor. He served on the University's public relations staff from 1952 to 1964.

In 1965, he joined the academic publications staff as assistant academic editor and became academic editor for the University on July 1, 1967.

Friends may call between the hours of 7 and 9 p.m. today at Joseph's Gawler's Sons, 5130 Wisconsin Ave. Funeral services will be held tomorrow at 10 a.m. in the chapel of Joseph Gawler's. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, contributions be made to the American Cancer Society.

Toomey is survived by two sisters and a step brother.

## Student Camaraderie Develops At 'Y'

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Yet all is not togetherness and bliss at the "Y." Residents still complain about the filth and delapidation, and recently were bothered by a visit of fruit flies that make life uncomfortable for many of the residents.

Other aspects of living at the "Y" according to one student, can occasionally be "very depressing."

Since last September, according to reports, there have been three suicide attempts by non-student residents at the "Y." The latest was by a man, who according to reports by Central "Y" Branch executive, Ferdinand Sebeir, was on barbiturates. The man at first attempted to hang himself. Failing that, he slit his wrists and finally jumped off the ninth story of the "Y." The man ultimately landed on the fourth floor where he broke his back and survived. Many of the GW residents were present when the ambulance drew up to take the man to the hospital.

Another incident remembered by residents involved a man described by many as a "derelict" who climbed a fire escape to the men's

floor. He then proceeded to knock on doors asking the occupants if they had a pair of pants they could spare. After receiving a pair, he lingered around until GW security guards escorted him off the floor.

Such experiences do give "Y" students a sense of distinct identity. These are not stories often heard from students who live in more conventional dormitories.

Other unconventional features about life at the "Y" are the access student residents have to a swimming pool, handball courts, basketball courts, an inside track, and other features found at a YMCA.

Another feature, and perhaps the real reason why so many people chose not to transfer out of the "Y" is the large number of singles rooms. Only at the "Y" can a freshman find a single without paying any additional expense. The relatively small number of residents, according to some students, makes the "Y" quieter during exams.

New students who have transferred to the "Y" this semester find the going a little easier than those who entered last August, but many still have apprehensions. "I

wouldn't go in the bathroom for the first two days I was here," said Martha Glass, 23, a transfer from New York. "I went out of the building if I had to go to the bathroom," she said.

She has now reconciled to the communal bathroom arrangement—but like many of the residents, wears thongs on her feet when she takes a shower because of the lye used as disinfectant in the shower room.

Many things have changed at the "Y." Most would admit that they have changed for the better. Smith said, "The nightmare of August is over."

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# Editorials

## Open And Above Board

The GW Board of Trustees, with all of its vast powers and influence, remains a secretive body whose actions and thoughts remain locked within the impressive looking board room on the eighth floor of Rice Hall except for selective leaks. The responsibilities of the Board generally concern the University's complex and ever-increasing budgetary woes, matters in which most students and other members of the GW community are not well versed or interested in.

At times though, specifically this academic year, the Board has discussed and acted upon matters which directly effect students and faculty members. But, because of the secretive nature of these discussions, details of the debate are available only through second hand sources, if available at all.

Along with everyone else in the GW community, the *Hatchet* has been barred from Board meetings. In our efforts to report the news concerning the Board we have had to rely upon public relations releases, the recollections of Trustee members—who are usually unavailable for comment or not willing to do so if contacted—or President Lloyd H. Elliott. All of these sources have, on many occasions, gone out of their way to be cooperative in the dissemination of Board news, but they cannot replace the value of first-hand journalistic observations.

Because of the magnitude and often controversial nature of the debate, those people who make up the University and keep it going—students, faculty, and administrators—have the right to be kept informed of the Board's actions. Despite the honest efforts of Trustees and the *Hatchet* staff, there has been a noticeable lack of detailed information coming out of Board meetings. The only way to resolve this problem is to open Board meetings to the press and the public.

Along the same line, the Board of Trustees not only operate in secret, but they make major decisions about the functioning of the University with a serious lack of input by members of the community who are so greatly affected by the decisions. If the University wishes its students and faculty to be a part of decisions and assume responsibility for those decisions, it is imperative that they be incorporated into the policy making process. Most public colleges, and many private ones, have recently allowed students to sit in on the Trustee meetings, and the results have all been positive. Students in these progressive institutions have been made to feel more a part of the University; at GW, however, the students are nearly unanimous in their alienation.

A more enlightened view of student worth and responsibility by the Board could reverse this trend of alienation at GW. Should the Board's discussions be opened to the discerning eye of the press and the imaginative ideas of students, a more cohesive University atmosphere would certainly result.

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## Pre-Convention Thoughts

One cannot help but have a great deal of admiration for the thirty-odd individuals who will organize some time this February with the intent of producing a student government. When they meet for the first time, they will be without a genuine mandate from the student body. What they will encounter is a highly politicized issue, with pressure from without as well as within the convention to adopt a revised version of the 1969 Articles of Student Government, the old All-University Assembly proposal, or a modified version of that approach.

Given this divergence of opinion, I am inclined to doubt that we shall see the adoption of any form of student government this spring. However, should the convention accomplish nothing else in the next three months, it should act as a watershed for a wide variety of student government models. In considering these proposals, I believe it would be wise for the delegates to decide early to avoid two pitfalls which could cripple student government in the future.

The first would be to permit the politicization of student government. During the latter part of the last decade it was a popular pastime among collegiate student governments to pass long-winded resolutions commenting on national or international political events. While these manifestos had little or no impact on the course of world events, they often succeeded in dividing the student body and diverting its attention from those problems which student government was created to cope with. I would therefore propose an article to the constitution banning the introduction of resolutions which have the intent of changing or passing judgment upon American domestic or foreign policy.

The other mistake which I should like to see avoided could be called inter-school meddling. The prospect of having a student government committee composed of Columbian College undergraduates passing resolutions concerning law or medical school curricula probably makes the deans of those institutions cringe. Although this puts a severe limitation on the scope of a student government's participation in University affairs, it seems only rational that within each of GW's eight schools, the students and faculty alone should govern internal policies.

There are also two things which I believe the

constitutional delegates must do if they are to see the successful implementation of whatever proposals they choose to adopt. The convention's earliest objective should be the identification of new leadership not tied to any of the past student government proposals. The convention should devote itself to the creation of something refreshingly new, rather than attempt to revitalize past failures (*viz.*, AUA or 1969 Articles). Those few students who exercised their franchise in the November referendum indicated their interest in seeing something new when they chose to have a constitutional convention instead of a reinstitution of the 1969 Articles of Student Government.

Perhaps of greater importance is the need to practice diplomacy in the convention's relations with the faculty Senate and the administration. One need look only as far as the AUA debacle to see how the absence of diplomacy cut the legs out from under an already fragile proposal. There was a slim chance for the adoption of AUA had the leaders exercised skillful diplomacy and been willing to negotiate once it was clear that the proposal was dying. Instead, those of us who attended the public debate on the AUA last semester witnessed one of the AUA leaders put the final nail in the AUA coffin by observing that perhaps violence was the only way to gain the attention of Rice Hall.

To escape the perils of such undiplomatic behavior, the convention would be well advised to (1) identify those delegates who know how to negotiate and stay cool under pressure, (2) appoint them to a committee of correspondence, and, (3) let the committee handle all discussions with the faculty and administration. If the diplomacy is skillful and the convention's product a reasonable one, there is a chance that student government at GW could become something of substance.

Unfortunately, no matter how skillfully the convention delegates perform their duties, it is doubtful that the student convention will be able to reverse the apathy registered by more than ninety per cent of the student body. Student government will never be a potent force in University affairs. But it is important that there be an organized student input within the University bureaucracy. Without that input, however small it may be, student concerns will never be heard.

## Letters to the Editor

### GW Bureaucracy

While trying recently to receive some understanding from a GW administrator regarding a medical exemption from the meal plan, I found the impersonal attitude of this individual too much to tolerate and, therefore, felt that it should be brought to the attention of the student community.

My experience of trying to reason with Ms. Ann Webster [Director of Housing] was not a unique incident. I'm sure that many students have run into an administrator who might as well punch questions into a computer as have a personal interview with someone who is seeking some understanding.

The cliché of banging your head against a brick wall is quite apropos when a GW student attempts to reason with someone in the hierarchy of bureaucrats. The administration as a whole seems overwhelmingly concerned with conforming to rules, rather than with showing some compassion for the students.

My experience could serve as one example of this phenomenon. I began not feeling well after meals, and therefore, conferred with my doctor during Christmas vacation. He informed me that I had the beginnings of an ulcer (after one and a half years on the meal plan, I wasn't surprised), and that it was being aggravated by the foods that I had been eating.

Upon returning to the University, I brought my problem to what I thought would be an understanding

person, but instead found myself fighting a bureaucratic system which lacks flexibility in any form. To my dismay, Ms. Webster turned me away not by showing any understanding or sympathy, but by simply stating University policy almost like a tape recording.

This problem applies not only to the mandatory meal plan, but to things like the school's unreasonable parking fees and our lab fees (which actually go into a general fund, rather than to the department giving the lab). The impersonal world that GW administrators try to make us live in is not what the "cold, cruel world" is really like. People do make exceptions to rules and show compassion towards one another.

I may be hopelessly idealistic and optimistic about human nature, but I'd rather see the students of GW graduate with a positive attitude towards the future, rather than with a belief that society has reached a stagnant plateau of pessimism which cannot change. Therefore, I appeal to each student to stand up as an individual when confronted with a situation where you feel like a number talking to a computer, rather than a human being, let alone a student.

Ellie Halperin

### More on Ford

In responding to Cliff White's letter, I do not seek to stomp the fire of conservative thought or to defend the views of Mark Shiffrin, but rather to show the reality of the

situation which both sides seem to miss.

The contradiction of Ford's role is in his self-assessment. He claims to be everything from God's Servant to his own man. When he does act, he seems to do so out of a blind belief in his own self-righteousness, as in his pardoning of Nixon. This weakness and lack of leadership is exemplified by such non-actions as promoting WIN buttons to fight inflation. I submit that if a contradiction exists, it is incorporated in the dissonance of Ford's character.

Secondly, the free market is a breeding place of monopolies. While it is clear that there is a quasi-drastic depletion of natural resources, there was a definite attempt by the oil companies to capitalize on the crisis which was made possible by this free market.

One need only look at the sky-high profits of the major oil companies following the crisis to see this. These companies have a tremendous thrust of power which is fueled by something like the energy crisis, and the only thing they've seemed to learn from this fairly recent experience is that an energy crisis can be lucrative if you're not caught.

You suggest that we "heal the free market," but it is no longer ailing—it's terminally diseased. You simply cannot overlook the apparent avariciousness of the "fat cats" and persist in a naive advocacy of a free market.

Yes, the wage price controls and gas rationing plan did fail miser-

(See PIERSON, p. 5)



Steven M. Seibert

# Implications of the Boston Busing Controversy

The most recent integration hassles in Boston have jogged my musical memory and produced the song entitled, "M.T.A.", a little-known composition recorded at least ten years ago by the Kingston Trio. This harmonious epic centers around an unfortunate Bostonian named Charlie, who after boarding the subway, finds that the Metropolitan Transit Authority has raised the fare by an additional nickel. Consequently, the penniless Charlie cannot get off the subway. As our doomed hero eternally rides the subway, the chorus sings,

*Will he ever return? No, he'll never return, and his fate is still unlearned. He may ride forever 'neath the streets of Boston. He's the man who never returned.*

Today, the topic of dissension may not be the M.T.A., but we do see the city of Boston once again embroiled in a question of rights and responsibilities, a position not

unfamiliar to that historic center of free thought. The internal difficulties of Boston's educational system highlight some crucial problems that are either more quietly experienced or ignored across the rest of the nation. First, we can see the idiocy of violent disagreement with the law, the need for either rational consent or dissent within our political and legal systems. To throw rocks at bused children cannot only precipitate more extreme violent acts, but also is basically repugnant to our ethical framework. And, secondly, the Boston situation exposes the generally confused condition of our public education and the clear need for a definite answer to the busing problem.

My first point approaches the level of being a truism or, as I often describe much of liberal rhetoric, "trite as hell." With the exception of self-defense, violence as a social and mass characteristic is hardly admir-

able. Yet, when dealing with an explosive issue like busing, the potentially violent nature of emotional reaction may supersede any attempts at reason or patience. If the irate parents of South Boston were indeed concerned about their children's education and about their children's conceptions of this nation's strengths, weaknesses, and governmental systems, the parents' violent actions were directly contrary to the rational principles and doctrines of American political and moral ideology. Even poor Charlie's supporters pleaded for a remedy within the system when they sang,

*"All ye citizens of Boston, don't you think it's the shambles, how the people have to pay and pay? Fight the fare increase, vote for George O'Brian, and get Charlie off the M.T.A."*

This nation is too mature to decide crucial issues through broken windows, thrown rocks and state militias. Busing may be dead wrong or it may be a pedagogical necessity, but that decision must be made through the public's choices for political representation, and in turn, through the representatives' influence on the legal system.

The above argument is really only denied by political extremists, yet the essence of rational "consent or dissent" is truly the basis of our second and more obscure problem, the state of public education today. Volumes of articles have been written and will be written about the declining standards of modern

public education, from those in favor of a state-controlled, uniform system to those advocating a matrix of private and neighborhood schools. I have no desire to entertain these concepts in this column, yet they show the primary importance of public education, i.e., the fact that knowledge is the cornerstone of political, social, and economic America, and that the training and opening of young minds determines the future of any free and democratic state.

Busing itself is our government's attempt at the supposed guarding of individual rights. Its results have varied from city to city, and its effect on children has been debated — inconclusively, I believe, by a tremendous array of sociologists, anthropologists, and educational specialists. Its inherent value is still a puzzling question to me, and valid arguments rain from every direction. As an opponent to most cases of governmental intervention, I see many drawbacks to a court trying to legislate "feeling," i.e., trying to make a law into a social condition. Yet, in my own hometown of St. Petersburg, Florida, I have seen the abolition of trade and manual labor schools for blacks and increasingly positive racial contact that was all somewhat tied to the desegregation edicts of the judicial system. I see busing as an unfortunate necessity, as a "rush" of history, and as a possibly futile attempt to provide all young people in this nation with that which they must obtain — a damn

good education. On the assumption that busing is of some value, two crucial questions of personal rights arise: the first with respect to those now in a sub-standard system and the second with respect to those who are now adequately taught. In this case, and in this case alone, even a libertarian as myself must place emphasis on the former.

My opinion, however, is not in itself an important part of this article. Its appearance only symbolizes that which is important, i.e., that a definitive mandate from the people, the courts, and Capitol Hill must be forthcoming concerning the busing question and the future framework of public education in general. We cannot fudge on this issue. As Ayn Rand would explain, the need for determining the primary concepts of any issue becomes increasingly more important as the problem becomes more confusing and obscure. There is no excuse, she says, for moral "grayness," because every issue is, in its essence, "black and white" (excuse the play on words there). It is my contention, therefore, that concerning the crucial questions of busing and education, it is imperative that each of us form a rational opinion and try to make it manifest in public policy.

A group of Bostonians are voicing their opinions by throwing rocks, you and I are hardly voicing our opinions at all, and either way, Charlie is still waiting for someone to help him off the subway. . .

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ably, but that does not necessarily preclude the success of future attempts at government control. Right now, the tax cut is the only feasible way out.

Simple supply and demand theory does not apply. Businesses are overproducing, not underproducing and the immediate goal of the tax cut is to get people to buy more by giving them more money in their paychecks. This, in turn, will give businesses a needed shot in the

purse. (The latter statements, incidentally, are a paraphrase of part of an article by Sylvia Porter of the *Washington Star-News*. Perhaps you overlooked it.) As government control does not necessarily imply rationing or wage-price control, it is being close-minded to see it as such.

We have had our share of Presidents who did little or did wrong or sat and imitated the sun. We need someone to whip inactivity, now more than ever.

Kathryn A. Pierson

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# Arts & Entertainment

## McCullers' "Wedding" Maintains Simplicity

by Gregory King  
Hatchet Staff Writer

*The Member of the Wedding* is 25 years old. It's age shows. The Carson McCullers story of an adolescent girl's lonely isolation in the post World War II South has lost much of its period relevance and color with the dawning of Civil Rights and the "New South." Many of the characters whose presence a quarter of a century ago may have looked terribly real today border on the cliché. But thanks to the enthusiasm of its cast, and the obvious quality in McCullers' writing, the revival of *The Member of the Wedding* at the Kennedy Center's Eisenhower Theater retains its simple beauty and provides for a respectable evening of theater.

The play's story line deals with Frankie Adams, a sort of teenage Sally Bowles, as she awaits the wedding of her only brother, Frankie, whose mother died giving birth, is desperately alone in her world.

She finds solace only in the companionship of John Henry, her six year old cousin, and Berenice, the black cook who looks after her. Their lives and relationships are affected by the wedding day as they grow closer and then are drawn apart from each other.

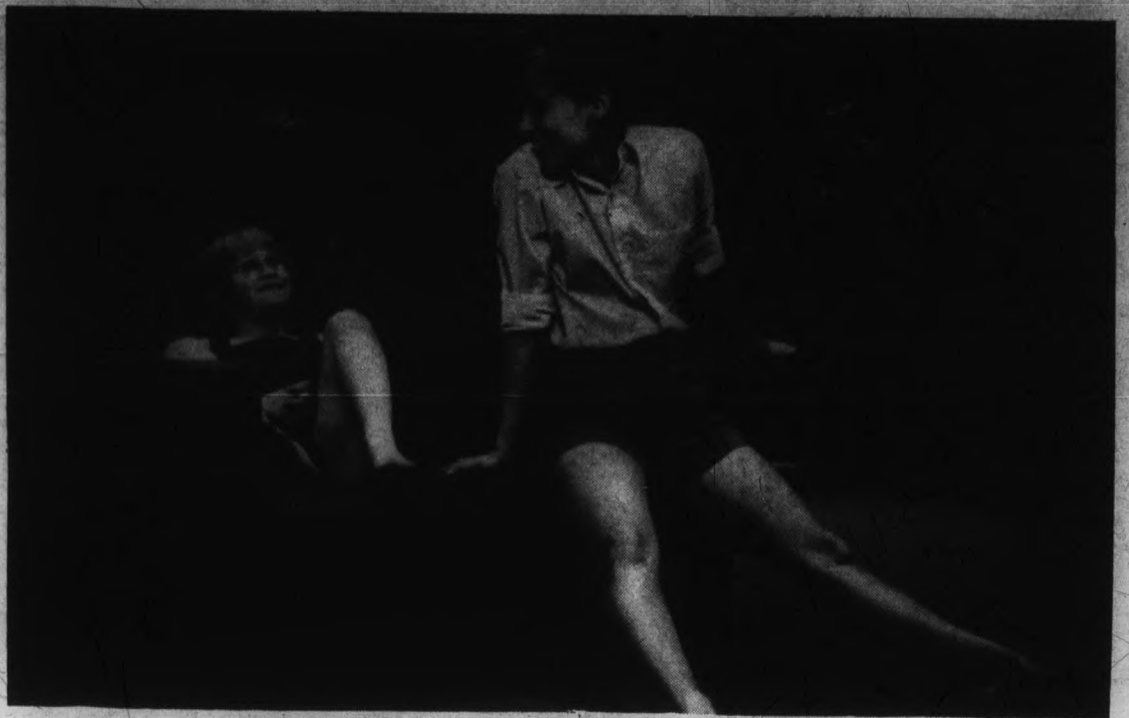
In the role of Berenice, the cook, Marge Eliot tries desperately and almost succeeds in a role in which she seems clearly miscast. Eliot appears too young and lacks the stage presence to be entirely convincing as a woman wed four times who still retains a power over the lives of those she comes in contact with. Eliot fights in a role made famous both on stage and in the film by Ethel Waters, and although her effort is not entirely successful, the fact that her interpretation dares to be different commands respect.

As Frankie, Marybeth Hurt is excellent. Hurt is at ease on the stage and the play is enhanced by her presence. Her quick change of moods, and her ability to inject comedy into the most serious of situations make her performance especially enjoyable to watch.

Eamon MacKenzie is also excel-

lent in his stage debut at age seven as John Henry. He plays both comic and dramatic lines with equal aplomb. Without exception the supporting cast is equally impressive. Especially fine are Ernest Thomas and George Ede who make the most of their excessively stereotyped roles; the former as a rebellious black, the latter as a grey haired Southern white.

Though age has decreased some of the effectiveness of *The Member of the Wedding*, the play's central theme remains remarkably strong. The agony that comes with loneliness creates for a touching drama that still works. All in all, the revival by the New Phoenix Repertory Company of *The Member of the Wedding* is enjoyable and intelligent. It is not a great production, but it is very good.



Eamon MacKenzie and Mary Beth Hurt of the New Phoenix Repertory Company add their skills to Michael Montel's production of *The Member of the Wedding*.

## It Should Be "The Tammy Grimes Show"

by Peter Zirnle  
Hatchet Staff Writer

*Gabrielle*, currently playing at the Ford's Theater, has too much going for it to fail. However, director Jose Quintero tries his best to avoid success by misusing the cast, headed by Tammy Grimes, and the music.

*Gabrielle* attempts to capture the magical music of internationally acclaimed French composer Gilbert Becaud within an overly sweet and contrived story written by Quintero

about a downtrodden theatrical troupe anxiously awaiting the arrival of Becaud. The result is a series of sixteen songs strung together by a frail epigrammatic dialogue most of which is unfortunately forced upon Tammy Grimes. Grimes plays Madame Gabrielle, owner of the decaying Parisian nightclub where the actors wait.

Although Miss Grimes is the star of the show, her sensually raspy voice is not put to much musical use.

The songs given to her do not match up with her enormous talents. For this reason she is upstaged by the other members of the cast, particularly Laurence Guittard, Danny Meehan and Marilyn Cooper.

Meehan plays John, the anguished lover, of Rosy (Marilyn Cooper), who left him for an American sailor, are brilliant. They sing and dance with a radiance that brightens up the stage. The highlight of the first act comes when Rosy sings "*Et Maintenant*" to the sobbing John. The song with English lyrics became an American hit under the title *What Now My Love*.

Laurence Guittard sparkles as Gaston, the "leading man", coming up with the show's knockout with "*Seul Sur Son Etoile*" which became the American hit *It must be*

*Him*. Although sung in French, Guittard sings the number with power and emotion that transcend any language barrier.

Unfortunately in many of the other songs, lyricist Jason Darrow, in efforts to adapt Becaud's songs to Quintero's story, obscures much of the beauty that makes Becaud's music fascinating.

If in actuality *Gabrielle* followed its billing, "Tammy Grimes sings the music of Gilbert Becaud" more closely, the show would be a greater success. However, if you can overlook the weaknesses of *Gabrielle*, the highly talented cast and enchanting music provide an evening of splendid entertainment.

## Lisner Schedule of Events

The schedule for events at Lisner Auditorium for the rest of January is as follows:

Today, January 23, at 8:00 p.m.—Capitol Ballet. For information call 882-4039 or go to the Washington Performing Arts box office (in Campbell's) at 1300 G Street, N.W.

Friday, January 24, at 10:00 a.m. Capitol Ballet "children's" performance of Peter and the Wolf. Tickets \$1.00 for children. At 8:00 p.m., the Capitol Ballet will repeat Thursday night's performance.

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The East Asian Society will have an important meeting on Wed. Jan. 29 from 12-2 pm Marvin Center #409. All members and interested persons please attend.

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Christian Science Campus Counselor, Betty Collins will be in Room 421

of the student center tomorrow from 12 until 2. Any member of the GW community is welcome to talk with her about any problems or issues.



# Colonials Conquer Dukes Behind Tallents' 29

by Steve Miller  
Hatchet Staff Writer

A 29-point performance by Pat Tallent led the Colonials to their third consecutive victory, a 89-74 win over Madison at Ft. Myer on Tuesday night. Tallent canned 13 of 23 attempts from the floor, and added three free throws to lead all scorers. The win upped GW's record to 7-6, while the Dukes suffered their fifth setback against nine successes.

GW displayed superior ball control throughout the contest, committing just three turnovers in the first half, eight overall. The Colonials were credited with an amazing 32 assists out of 40 baskets, as their passing offense was consistently sharp. Drawing the Dukes out of their zone defense GW was able to consistently hit the open man coming through the lane. When Madison insisted upon using a zone, the Colonials passed out to the corner where Tallent was red hot.

The game had the earmarks of a defensive battle until GW jumped out to a six point lead midway through the first half. With 4:32 remaining, GW ran up 12 points to a lone Madison basket, and coasted into the locker room with a 44-32 lead.

Madison cut that lead to five in the opening minutes of the second half, before GW countered on a Greg Miller jumper

## Sports

from the left corner. The Dukes never got any closer after that as Clyde Burwell found the range that had eluded him earlier in the game. Clyde put in 14 points in the second half to keep GW way out in front.

The Colonials also reaffirmed their bench strength against Madison as Kevin Hall and Bob Shanta played a tenacious defense in the waning moments of the first half, while John Holloran came off the bench to add five tallies.

Leslie Anderson delivered 11 points for the Colonials, but fell behind in the rebound department, pulling down just three caroms, well below his average. The smaller Dukes out rebounded the Colonials, 44-35.

Tonight at Ft. Myer the Colonials take on the Cardinals of Catholic in an 8 p.m. contest. Another big win over Catholic

would give GW the momentum needed to defeat West Virginia, one of the toughest foes GW will face all season and the leader in the ECAC Southern Division.

The Colonials do battle with the Mountaineers Saturday night in Morgantown, and if GW can maintain this winning streak through the weekend, their chances for a berth in a post-season tournament will look a lot better.

## Sports Shorts

There will be a meeting for all varsity baseball candidates tomorrow at noon in the Locker Room, 2025 G St.

GW Collegiate Bowling League will start on Tuesday, January 28, at 8:30 p.m. All interested students come to the Center Game Room at that time.

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You too can be a "Brain." To do so simply select the winner of each game by putting a circle around the team of your choice. Tear out the selection sheet and submit it, along with your name, address and telephone number at either of the two "Brains" boxes located at the ground floor Center Information Desk or at the Hatchet Office, Center room 433. Entries must be submitted by 7 p.m. Friday in order to be counted.

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Syracuse at Boston College  
Louisville at Bradely  
Duquesne at LaSalle  
Georgetown at Holy Cross  
North Carolina at Maryland  
Brigham Young at New Mexico  
Penn at Providence  
Rutgers at Pitt  
Clemson at Virginia  
Dayton at DePaul  
GW at West Virginia

Score: ( )  
West Virginia ( )

Doug Davin

St. John's  
Boston College  
Bradely  
LaSalle  
Holy Cross  
Maryland  
Brigham Young  
Penn  
Pitt  
Clemson  
DePaul  
GW

Score: ( )  
78-73

Drew Trachtenberg

American  
Syracuse  
Louisville  
LaSalle  
Georgetown  
UNC  
New Mexico  
Penn  
Pitt  
Virginia  
Dayton  
West Virginia

Score: ( )  
77-76

Phil Chenier

American  
Syracuse  
Louisville  
LaSalle  
Holy Cross  
Maryland  
New Mexico  
Providence  
Rutgers  
Clemson  
DePaul  
West Virginia

Score: ( )  
93-87

Doug Gould

St. John's  
Boston College  
Louisville  
LaSalle  
Holy Cross  
Maryland  
New Mexico  
Providence  
Rutgers  
Clemson  
DePaul  
GW

Score: ( )  
74-71

Ron Rockman

St. John's  
Syracuse  
Louisville  
LaSalle  
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Maryland  
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Providence  
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Score: ( )  
75-69

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